

Memorandum

Date: July 27, 2015

To: Public Safety Committee

From: Jeff Moore, PE, City Traffic Engineer

Re: Road Safety Review Team

The purpose of the subject memorandum is to provide a report on the Road Safety Review Team in response to a request to share information on its purpose and discuss some of the activities of the team.

City staff organized a multijurisdictional team to review certain roadway safety issues and make recommendations that might involve different departments or agencies. This team is made up of representatives of several City departments, public safety officials, and professionals from outside agencies. The team reviews locations with an emphasis on improving the safety of the subject location.

The team was formed with advice and guidance from NCDOT Western Regional Field Operations Engineer's office. It consists of representatives from the Public Works Department, Asheville Police Department, Asheville Fire Department, Risk Management, the Neighborhood Coordinator, and the Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator. The team also has a representative from the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The NCDOT Western Regional Field Operations Engineer and the Regional Traffic Safety Engineer participate on the team as well.

The Road Safety Review Team meets to review sections of road on a quarterly to bi-monthly basis. These reviews culminate in a detailed report that outlines the roadway situation and provides recommendations to improve the safety of the subject location. The recommendations may involve other departments or jurisdictional areas.

The Road Safety Review Team has met to review several locations and improvements have been made as a result. The Road Safety Review Team has reviewed locations on Merrimon Avenue in partnership with and at the request of NCDOT. The Road Safety Review Team is an ongoing effort that will respond to demand.

Projects that the Road Safety Review Team has been involved with include the recent addition of a Stop Sign on Kimberly Avenue at Hampstead Road. The recommendation of the Team was to redesign the intersection to make it more pedestrian friendly. The eastbound approach of Hampstead Road is a very wide crossing and has a large turn radius. The project is to narrow this approach, install crosswalks and concrete islands, improve the ADA accessibility through the installation of curb ramps, and to create an all-way stop control. As an interim measure, striping and reflective markers have been installed until the permanent concrete islands and curbing can be installed. These pictures show the intersection from various angles, with a picture of a similar treatment at Lakeshore Road and Mt. Vernon Street.



Lakeshore @ Mt. Vernon:



Before



After

The Road Safety Review Team will return to Kimberly Avenue to look at its intersections with Country Club Road/Farrwood Avenue and Edgewood Road/Kimberly Knoll Road.

Please let me know if additional information is needed.

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